

SCALBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Health Department,
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE
SCALBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

To, The Chairman and Members of Scalby Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1950.

The health of the community during 1950 was good and the Sanitary State of the district was satisfactory. The majority of deaths occurred in elderly people, 65% of the total being in persons over the age of 70; slightly more than one third of all deaths occurred in persons who had passed their eightieth birthdays. The Crude Death Rate (15.4) was higher than last year (12.6). Apart from four from Tuberculosis, no death was attributed to Infectious Diseases; no death was related to childbirth; no infant died from Gastro-enteritis. Three Infant Deaths, all caused by premature birth, accounted for a spectacular rise in the infantile mortality rate from 12.8 to 37.5 per 1,000 live births.

The live Birth Rate of 12.6 shewed little variation from that of 1949 (12.7).

Infectious Diseases were not unduly prevalent, although notifications of Measles during the first quarter of the year were rather heavy; this was of no serious significance.

Such nuisances as were reported were remedied without the Council having to resort to Statutory powers. Proprietors and Managements of food preparation and food handling premises, for the most part complied with recommendations concerning the hygiene of food-handling offered by your Health Department Staff.

The Refuse Tip at Burniston Road unfortunately continues to be a fruitful breeding ground and harbourage for rats and has to be constantly subject to the activities of the Rodent Operative. The trouble appears to be due to the lack of facilities enabling adequate earth covering to be applied.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The mid-year population estimated by the Registrar-General was 6351, an increase of 231 over last years figure.

The Crude Death Rate was 15.4 per 1,000 population, which, when adjusted by applying the Comparability Factor appropriate to this population became 10.9 and is thus comparable with the Death Rate of England and Wales as a whole which was 11.6.

<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory.	3	1	4
Syphilitic disease.	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	1	-	1
" " breast.	-	1	1
" " uterus.	-	1	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.	5	2	7
Leukaemia.	-	1	1
Diabetes.		1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	5	11	16
Coronary disease, angina	6	4	10
Hypertension with heart disease.	4	-	4
Other heart diseases.	13	19	32
Ulcer of stomach & duodenum.	1	1	2
Nephritis & nephrosis.	2	2	4
Hyperplasia of prostate.	3	-	3
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	3	4	7
Accidents (other than motor)	1	1	2
Homicide.	-	1	1
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	48	50	98
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The Live Birth rate was 12.6 per 1,000 population, which becomes 13.6 after application of the Comparability Factor; The rate for England and Wales was 15.8.

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate.	47	29	76
Illegitimate.	2	2	4
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	49	31	80
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The Still-Birth rate was 0.31 per 1,000 population, that for England and Wales being 0.37.

<u>Still-Births.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate.	-	2	2
Illegitimate.	-	-	-
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	-	2	2
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INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Measles was by far the most frequently notified Infectious Disease during 1950, the majority of cases occurring in the first quarter of the year. The disease was mild in character and did not lead to any death. Ten cases of Scarlet Fever were notified in the last quarter, these comprising practically the total number of cases notified during the year. Whooping Cough was less prevalent than in 1949. No instance of either Diphtheria, the Enteric Group of Fevers or Infantile Paralysis was reported in 1950. The epidemic of Influenza which affected many parts of the Country during the Winter of 1950/51 had not reached Scalby by the end of the year.

Notifications

	<u>1st quarter.</u>	<u>2nd quarter.</u>	<u>3rd qur.</u>	<u>4th qur.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Scarlet Fever	1	-	-	10	11
Whooping Cough	3	8	3	-	14
Measles	62	8	6	1	77
Erysipelas	2	-	-	1	3
Puerperal pyrexia	1	-	-	-	1
Phthisis	1	2	-	2	5
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HOUSING

Progress continued at Highfield Estate where a further 60 houses were completed by the Council in 1950. In addition 13 houses were build under private licence.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1949.

Section 47 of this Act, which provides for the removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention was not applied to any case in 1950.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The borehole continued to supply ample wholesome water. The water from Intake Woods Springs however, has been under suspicion because of continued B.Coli content and in consequence its use was discontinued. A further series of laboratory reports are necessary before a more definite opinion of its purity can be offered; but it may well turn out that the bacterial content is of little harmful significance.

FOOD HYGIENE.

During the year the Council adopted the Model Bye-laws (Series i) of the Ministry of Health applying to the "Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food etc.,"

Comparatively few food preparation premises have been established in Scalby; in general their standard of hygiene was satisfactory. A special inspection of the premises retailing ice-cream in the town re-vealed some shortcomings which were corrected with the ready co-operation of the dealers.

CAMPING SITES.

During the year your Sanitary and Lighting Committee called for a special report following an application for the use of land as a camping site. Since no objection could be raised on the grounds of faulty sanitation, a licence was granted permitting the siting of 10 caravans.

SANITARY CONDITIONS.

The Sanitary Inspector prepared this part of the report.

Sanitary -

Generally conditions have been good. Six nuisances have occurred and all were abated. All other complaints have been attended to. Rodent control during the year by the Rodent Officer appointed by the Council resulted in 1454 Estimated killed and 279 actual bodies of rats. Weekly collection of refuse in the district, (apart from the very outlying premises which are collected monthly) has been maintained. List of

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foodstuffs surrendered during the year as unfit for human consumption is as follows:-

1 tin evaporated milk,
1 tin Pilchards,
17½ lbs. Bacon.

Water The Spring supply remains out of use, as the quality of the water continued to be suspicious. Borehole water supply has been Class 1 throughout the year. The whole of the water mains are flushed monthly and also the reservoirs cleaned out monthly.

Routine
Bacteriological Reports:-

Source	B. Coli Absent	B. Coli Present	Welchi	Total
	Class i.	Class ii iii iv		
Borehole	16	- - -	-	16

Two Chemical analyses were satisfactory.

Streets Two private streets have been made up.

Salvage Collections during the year have amounted to 93 tons paper. Scrap metal, rags, bottles and jars have also been collected.

Housing Number completed 1946 - 1949 - 164
Number completed during 1950 - 60
Number completed by private enterprise - 13

Factories Fourteen factories in the area were found to be in a satisfactory condition.

Sewers Systematic inspection of sewers were made during the year and these were found to be generally satisfactory.

Farms The twenty-two farms in the District are satisfactory.

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 and 1948. Report of the Medical Officer of Health.

Following is an abbreviated copy of Form 572 (Revised) which has been forwarded direct to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, in accordance with the Regulations in that behalf viz:-

Part 1 of the Act

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises.	No of Register.	No of Insp.	No of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted.
(a) Factories in which S. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by L.A.'s }	10	10	-	-
(b) Factories not included in (a) in which S. 7 is enforced by L.A.'s }	-	-	-	-

(c) Other premises in } which S.7. is en- } forced by the L.A. } including outwork- } ers premises.)	4	4	-	-
Total....	14	14	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Nil

3. Part VIII of the Act - OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111 of the Act).

Number of outworkers etc.,

Nil

I wish to again express my appreciation to Mr. Dearmer for his efficient co-operation which has continued throughout the year.

I am,
Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

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